

**WELCOME TO CENTRAL!** During your visit we hope you feel the presence of the Spirit and the love of Christ as we worship God together. Please fill out the Friendship Pads in the pews, especially if you are a visitor or have prayer concerns or life updates.

**THE NURSERY IS OPEN: Come Little Children!** Central has resumed its nursery for children ages 3 months to four-years-old during our Sunday School and worship hours (9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday). Children are always welcome in our sanctuary, but for those parents or caregivers who prefer their little ones to be in a bright, safe, playful environment, please join us in the nursery!

**SUMMER SERIES: MAKING AND MEANING.** All Church Sunday School meets Sundays, **9:45 am to 10:45 am** in the OAC Atrium that began **today through August 2**. Together we'll explore the connections between faith and creativity through conversations with theologians, artists, architects, and musicians from our Central family. Join us for a summer of beauty, wonder, and reflection on the creative life of faith.

**REBEKAH CIRCLE YEAR-END LUNCHEON.** The Rebekah Circle will hold a year-end luncheon at the home of Mary Lillian Walker (3266 Eastwood Valley Rd., Atlanta) on **Monday, June 8, at 11 a.m.** Please RSVP on Realm. The cost is \$15, so please bring your cash to the luncheon. If you have any questions, please email Mary Lillian Walker (marylillian1031@gmail.com).

**OSCAR McCLOUD'S BOOK TALK.** Join us **June 14 at 12:00 p.m.** in Tull Hall for the launch of Oscar McCloud's memoir, *I Dared to Hope*. Published in honor of his 90th birthday, the book reflects on his childhood in Georgia, his role in the Civil Rights movement, and his leadership in the Presbyterian Church. The event includes a BBQ lunch, a conversation with Oscar and co-writer Martin Lehfeldt, and a signed copy of the book. Tickets are available on Realm.

**SUMMER PICK-UP CHOIR.** All are invited to join our final Summer Pick-Up Choir on **Sunday, June 28!** We'll meet in the sanctuary at **10:20 AM** to briefly rehearse *Offertory* by John Ness Beck, before helping to lead worship at 11:00 AM. No robes—just come as you are! We'll follow our usual loft routine and help lead congregational hymns. This is a great opportunity to sing without a commitment. If you've been singing along in the pews this year, it's time to join us! Choir members, feel free to bring a friend (or two!) who might be interested in joining us. Email Thom at [tdixon@cpcatlanta.org](mailto:tdixon@cpcatlanta.org) if you'd like a copy of the music beforehand.

## This Week at Central June 7 - 14, 2026

### Sunday, June 7

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  
9:30 a.m. Nursery Opens  
9:45 a.m. Summer Series (OAC)  
10:00 a.m. Trinity UMC Worship (Rand Chapel)  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Tour of South Downtown  
12:30 p.m. Montreat Youth Conference departs

### Monday, June 8

9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)  
11:00 a.m. Rebekah Circle  
5:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting (Zoom)

### Tuesday, June 9

10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)  
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee (Zoom)  
6:00 p.m. Central Pres. Visual Identity Team (Zoom)

### Wednesday, June 10

9:00 a.m. Church of the Common Ground (Courtyard)

### Thursday, June 11

10:00 a.m. Moments of Movement (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. WMA Committee (Zoom)  
7:00 p.m. Facilities Committee (Zoom)  
8:00 p.m. Prayer & Parenting Monthly Meet-Up (Zoom)

### Friday, June 12

Church Office closes at noon

### Saturday, June 13

Church Office closed

### Sunday, June 14

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Ministry  
9:30 a.m. Nursery Opens  
9:45 a.m. Summer Series (OAC)  
10:00 a.m. Trinity UMC Worship (Rand Chapel)  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
12:00 p.m. Oscar McCloud's Lunch and Book Talk

## Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Glenn Rainey  
Tower Bell Ringer: Althea Brown  
Deacon of the Day: David York

Hospitality Team  
Beth Grashof  
Tricia Downing  
Martha Kimes  
Graham Kirkland  
Em McNair  
Annastassia Pons

## Centralites Under Care of the Session As They Prepare for Ordained Ministry

Christian Antwi  
Samuel Ayantor  
Ximena Leroux

## Central Presbyterian Church Staff

The Rev. Shannon Johnson Kershner, Senior Pastor & Head of Staff  
The Rev. Kate Culver, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Susan B. Landrum, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Theodore J. Wardlaw, Pastor Emeritus  
Dr. Thom Dixon, Director of Music & Worship Arts  
Kristie Johns, Director of Financial Operations  
Melissa Johnson, Executive Assistant & Event Coordinator  
John White, Facilities Manager  
Abraha Diedre, Custodian  
Don Papenbrock, Organist & Choral Accompanist  
Karen Brown, Pianist, Jerusalem Choir  
Rand Lines, Pianist, Nazareth Choir  
Aaron Cummings, Music Intern  
Kirk Louis, Sunday Operations Coordinator  
Josh Smith, Audio Engineer  
Jamel Morris-Barclay, Audio Assistant  
Sarah Anderson, Video Production Manager  
Toby Abrelate, Video Assistant  
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director

## Give

You may give via the envelope in the pew, online at [www.cpcatlanta.org](http://www.cpcatlanta.org) or using the QR code.



Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 7, 2026  
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Abraham's Oak*, Henry Ossawa Tanner

# Gathering Around the Word

Prelude *Trumpet Tune in F* David N. Johnson  
Don Papenbrock, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringing of the Bell

*As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world  
that Central Presbyterian Church is worshipping God.*

✠ Call to Worship Rev. Susan B. Landrum

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 33

Sing joyfully to our Creator,

**Praise the Lord with music.**

God loves righteousness and justice;

**The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

In God, our hearts rejoice, for we trust in the holy name of our Creator.

**May God's unfailing love rest upon us, for we put our hope in you.**

Come rejoice, all you who love and serve the Lord!

**Let us celebrate together in God's presence!**

✠ Hymn 619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer us.**

**We let ourselves wander off into our own songs.**

**Too often, the melodies of the world confuse us.**

**We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.**

**Help us pay attention with all of our senses.**

**Make our response faithful;**

**Help us take the risks that come with listening to your call.**

**Pull us back into your rhythms, that we might know and share**

**your blessings with all of your creation. .... (Silent Confession) Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD  
(Vasile)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

*During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.*

# Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children Rev. Susan B. Landrum

Prayer for Illumination Glenn Rainey

First Lesson Psalm 33:1–12

Second Lesson Genesis 12:1–9 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon **In the Beginning - Sermons on Genesis**  
*The Promise*

# Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

✠ Affirmation of Faith Rev. Kate Culver

THE APOSTLES' CREED (TRADITIONAL)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Joseph Martin  
Don Papenbrock, piano

✠ At the Presentation *Doxology* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

# The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Hymn 552

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

LAND OF REST

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith!

Memorial Acclamation

Hymn 553

*Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

LAND OF REST

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.  
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer

TRADITIONAL

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but**

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*We will partake communion via intinction. You may proceed to the station closest to you, pick a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, we will serve you while you remain seated.*

Prayer After Communion

# Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS

✠ Charge and Benediction Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✠ Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D* David N. Johnson  
Don Papenbrock, organ

✠ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please stand as you are comfortable.

**Please silence your cellphones.**